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**Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This is in Response to the Final Office Action mailed March 21, 2005, for the above-captioned application, time for responding to which has been extended to July 21, 2005, by filing a Petition for a one month extension of time and payment of appropriate government fees. While applicants believe that the correct payment for the extension of time fee is attached, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

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